



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 30th November, 2020



## FOLS FUNDING

A HUGE thank you to FOLS, who have presented school with a cheque for a whopping £3,000. It was incredibly generous of you all considering the opportunities for fundraising have been somewhat limited this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

I have earmarked the funding to be used in a variety of ways that will make learning at school all the more exciting for the children. For example, we will be renewing our subscription for Discovery Coding (computing lessons), Twinkl and Hamilton (resources for all subjects), White Rose (maths mastery resources), 2 Simple (an assessment tool for the Early Years), and Testbase (this helps prepare children for end of year assessments). We have also ordered a number of workbooks (maths and English) for children to work in at home if we have to close any bubbles (fingers crossed we don't). We are in the process of updating our reading books across the school so that the children have access to a variety of genres that are pitched at the correct level for their ability. Thank you!

## Headteacher's Welcome

### CHILDREN LEARN THE ART OF SCULPTURE



*Above: Livvy works very carefully*

The younger children learned all about relief sculptures, a process that uses clay and plaster of Paris to make plaques. The older children made free-standing sculptures in the style of Barbara Hepworth. The event was made possible because school received a very generous donation from a parent on behalf of her daughter, a former pupil at Lewknor. The pupil, who wants to remain anonymous, is a keen artist. She wants the Lewknor

Professional sculptor Neil Wood was invited to school last week to give the children a lesson on abstract art. Neil, who has exhibits all over the country and has an impressive sculpture erected on a roundabout near Stafford (see his website), visits many schools to work with children. Miss Lawes thought the children would love the opportunity to learn all about sculpture and booked Neil, who came all the way to Lewknor from his home in Stafford.



*Above: James concentrates on his creation*



to have access to a wide and exciting range of creative and artistic activities. The funds helped to pay for African drumming lessons for all the children last month too!

*Left: Neil, who has worked as a professional sculptor for 30 years*

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**Above: Neil works with Alex and Tristan**

The children have written reports about the lessons. This is what they say...

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, a sculptor, named Neil Wood, came to school to teach Upper Juniors about abstract sculpting.

Firstly, 5-7 pieces of polystyrene were chosen by each of us. We drafted and tested the polystyrene blocks of different sizes, including cubes, prisms, cuboids, arches and other shapes that probably don't have a name.

After that, Neil advised us to use a big piece of polystyrene for a base and we used masking tape to stick it to a cardboard plate.



**Above: Wilfred and Riley**



**Above: Sophia and Jasmine**

Next, we chose one other block to stick to the base. Cocktail sticks were used for this. We then repeated this for the other shapes.

After using all our blocks, we covered our sculptures in plaster bandage (the sort which is used for broken limbs) and rubbed the pieces smooth. The next step was to paint our abstract sculptures.

This was very fun and I hope we have more visits from professionals from different industries.

**By Stanley and Alex**



**Pictured right: Laurence and Zofia**





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On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, a sculptor, Neil Wood, visited us to help us understand more about sculpting. We were shown some photographs of his marvellous art pieces. On a PowerPoint he showed us some of his sculptures which included: The Glow Tree in Oxford; The Wedding Party in Birmingham and Together We Fly in a Wolverhampton school. On a roundabout outside Stafford there is a sculpture called The Stafford Knot. (It's on the A518 if you'd like to visit it!).

He has created many other sculptures which he sends to galleries for sale.

***Pictured left are Charlie and Theo***



Neil uses many different materials such as bronze and stainless steel, but his favourite thing to use is mild steel.

It would be a great pleasure for us if Neil could come back to our school.

***By Olivia and Daisy.***

***Pictured left: Stanley and Daisy***

***Pictured right: Ellena and Bill***



## THE FINISHED WORKS



***Pictured with their amazing artwork: Mia, Ewan, Alex and Riley***



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*Olivia*



*Daisy*



*Sophia*



*Sophie*



*Tristan*



*Kiran*



*Jayden*



*Zofia*



*Noah*





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*Above: Neil carefully unveils the children's artwork*

The EYFS artworks are called relief sculptures because they are basically a flat tile, with artistic indentations.

The process here is to:

- press clay into a shallow container and make it flat;
- find interestingly shaped objects and press them into the clay to make interesting indentations and patterns;
- pour plaster of Paris on top of the clay and wait for it to harden;
- carefully remove the clay from the hard plaster of Paris to see the relief sculpture, clean it and paint it if you like.



*Above: Ralph and Isla P*



*Above: Felix*



*Above: Isla W*



*Above: Si-Si and Cally*



*Above: Miss Harjette lends a helping hand*



*Above: Sonny*

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Arid

Adjective

If a place is arid, it is very dry and it doesn't rain much there. Deserts have arid climates.





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### CARD READER NEWS!

We are very excited to tell you that FoLS now have a card reader! Over the coming months we will be able to use this at many events, which we hope will make it easier for parents and the committee.



### BANK DETAILS

We are keen to support the school as much as we can financially, although this year our fundraising will be lower than usual due to the current situation. This may mean that we will be unable to fund all the trips and licenses we usually do. We appreciate that many families are struggling financially, but for those who would like to support us by donating money that they would usually have been spent at our fundraising events, and are in a position to do so, we are providing our bank details.



Wishing every child and family at Lewknor School well.

**Friends of Lewknor School Committee**



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